



Baltimore City Health Department
Bureau of Food and Institutional Facilities
210 Guilford Avenue, 2nd Floor
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Requirements for Carts and Street Vendors

1. All food service carts, food trucks and street vendors must obtain a Permit/License from the Bureau of Food and Institutional Facilities for the sale of any food product in the city of Baltimore. Food products would include: packaged food, prepared foods, snowballs, canned and bottled drinks, etc. The permit includes a food permit (paper permit) and an orange sticker that is attached to the cart.
2. A business/mobile vending license must be obtained for all carts, both food and non-food with the State of Maryland License Department (Tel: 410-333-3790.)
3. All carts in the stadium areas must be on wheels and obtain a permit from the State of Maryland License Department.
4. Any cart located in the downtown area must obtain a permit from Downtown Licensing (200 N. Holiday St., Tel: 410-361-9690.)
5. All carts located outside of the downtown area must obtain a permit from Minor Privileges (417 E. Fayette St., Tel: 410-396-3346.)
6. Carts used for pre-packaged foods do not need to comply with items 9a through 9e.
7. Any cart used for the sale of food must be constructed of a material that is smooth, non-absorbent and washable. All food/beverages equipment must be commercial NSF approved.
8. **All hot dog carts must be of an approved commercial design with a hand-washing sink and adequate supply of hot and cold water, which meets Health Department approval.**
9. Any cart used to prepare any foods, including hot dog carts with a grill for cooking, must be obtained within:
 - a. A hand-washing sink with an adequate supply of hot and cold water.
 - b. A three (3)-compartment sink/utensil washing sink.
 - c. Waste water tank.
 - d. Adequate refrigeration (no ice chests.)
 - e. Adequate cooking facilities (if necessary.) No charcoal or wood cooking equipment is allowed.
10. All snowball carts must use:
 - a. An approved snowball machine.
 - b. Sealed flavors from an approved source.
 - c. Ice from an approved source (no home-made ice.)
 - d. No ice cream or perishable products can be sold.

- e. All snowball carts, trucks or stands must have a hand-washing sink with an adequate supply of hot and cold water or an adequate hand washing facility.
- 11. No foods can be prepared at home. All foods must come from an approved source.
- 12. The cost of the permit will depend upon the type of food service on the cart. The permit/license is in effect from July 1st of one year to June 30th of the next year.
- 13. Bring pictures from different angles of the cart/truck.
- 14. Come to 210 Guilford Ave. 2nd Floor and pay \$150.00 Plan Review Inspection Fee to schedule inspection.

The Health Department must inspect all food preparation carts/trucks before a permit/license can be issued. Contact the Plan Review Section, Baltimore City Health Department at 410-396-4544 to obtain information.